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THERE ARE MANY SWEET AND PRECIOUS EXPERIENCES IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

SUNSHINE IN THE CLOUDS

Though the Clouds May Look Black and Dangerous, The Sun Shines Brightly In The Heavens

John C. Jernigan

Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun: But if a man live many years, and rejoice in them all; yet let him remember the days of darkness; for they shall be many.—Ecc. 11:7, 8.

There are many sweet and precious promises in living a Christian life, and much happiness and sunshine on the way, but let us not forget that every Christian has some cloudy days, even the best and most devoted are not exempted. Such godly patriarchs as Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph and Moses, and consecrated and God fearing prophets as Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel, and holy and God loving apostles as Peter, James, John and Paul have had their clouds of trials, clouds of temptations, clouds of persecutions, clouds of discouragements and clouds of doubts but in them all there was sunshine, and after them all a rainbow of promise.

When you see a black cloud arise, and it looks as though a mighty and very dangerous storm will be the result, just remember that the sun is high above all and is shining somewhere upon the cloud, though its rays of light might not be visible to your natural eye, yet there is sunshine in the cloud. When Abraham had kissed his wife goodbye and with Isaac and the young men were traveling on to the place where God was sending him to sacrifice his only son of promise, the cloud that hung over them was indeed black. Not a ray of light could be seen nor felt, but with faith in God that the sunshine was there they traveled on, with fire wood and knife in hand Abraham and his son climbed mount Moriah on which the son was to be sacrificed. Each step toward the top of the cloud seemed to be thicker and blacker, until at last as they reached the top of the hill the cloud seemed to settle on the top of the mountain round about them, but in the midst of the darkness of the cloud, and in obedience to God the altar was erected, the wood placed and Isaac laid thereon, and as Father Abraham with tear-dimmed eyes raised his knife to take his son's life the cloud was so dark that a vision of the altar was impossible, but at the sound of the voice of God the cloud gave way, and the radiant sunshine of heaven shone around him, and the rainbow of promise stood visible in the voice of God before him. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behind him was a ram caught in the thicket by the horns, and Abraham went and took the ram and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son, and then instead of a cloud he read as it were in the rainbow of promise, "In blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of heaven, and as the sand upon the seashore and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies. And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed because thou hast obeyed my voice."

If the Lord should speak unto us as he did unto Abraham, how many of us would say, "Oh Lord! The cloud is too dark, the way is too hard, I cannot give up my son, anything ELSE, Oh Lord, I will do." But God is not hunting men to do the ELSE. He can find men most everywhere that are willing to do the things of their own pleasure, but he wants men that will be obedient in sacrifice and under the blackest clouds or trials and hardships.

All great men have had their trials and sacrifices, but only those who have persevered in truth and steadfastness have come to the end of the rainbow of promise where the pot of gold is found.

The young as well as the aged have their cloudy days. When Joseph was but seventeen years of age he was sent into the fields to seek his brethren who were looking after his father's sheep, and as he came near unto them it began to thunder (they began to accuse and threaten him) and as the cloud continued to rise he was thrown into a pit, and from there was sold to Midianite merchantmen, and was carried by the wind of persecution into Egypt and was sold to Potiphar and went under the cloud of slavery. During the storm there is no doubt but what the devil said many times to him, "I have the victory over you, and

you can never hope for any thing better than to fill the grave of an Egyptian slave." There was sunshine in this cloud but Joseph could not see it. About twenty years later we have his testimony to his brethren, that God sent him into Egypt to preserve life for them, just how long it was until he saw the sunshine of God's purpose in the cloud we do not know, but we do know that the cloud was very dark and discouraging, but under it he remained true and obedient to God until the sunshine of hope became visible unto him.

After the death of his father when his brethren fell before him to make confession of the wrong they had done him, he said unto them, Ye thought evil against me, but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass as it is this day to save much people alive. Gen. 50:20. This cloud of slavery and humiliation proved a blessing to Joseph, and also to many others. Indeed it looked hard, but it was God's plan, and probably about the only way God had of getting Joseph away from his home. His father, no doubt, would not have con-

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The Lord Blessed In Every Service

GILBERT, La. — District Overseer, Brother John Burk of Dunn, La. has just closed a few nights' revival. The Lord met with us in every service and wonderfully blessed. Brother Burk certainly gave out the Word of God. We had very good crowds considering the weather. Two received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and one was added to the church. Others are looking this way. I am glad of Jesus and His great love to us. I find in Him all I need. He heals me and my family when we get sick and really keeps us with His power, bless His precious name. Oh, how I love Him and I am glad that I can truly say there are some precious souls here at this place who I believe will stand no matter how much the enemy howls. I am truly praising the Lord for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the dear Holy Ghost and planted a deep desire in my heart to see the end of this race. My husband has the full blessing. Pray that we will live a life that will be pleasing to God, our Father and win precious souls for Him. — Inez E. Foy, clerk, Gilbert, La.

The Lord Is Blessing The Young People

EMPIRE, Ala. — I am so glad and thankful of Jesus this morning for His great love and mercy to me and my family. I praise Him for His great healing power. I know that He healed my head. The greatest delight of my heart is to press this battle on. I praise Him for these new converts, the young people. There is a boy about six years old who has the Holy Ghost. He can give the sweetest testimony I ever heard. It is wonderful how the Lord blessed in saving the young people at Summiton and Empire. We fasted and prayed two months for a revival at Dora, Summiton and Empire. There was a great number at each place who received the blessing. I thank Him because He will hear and answer prayer. I thank the Lord for sending Brother Hicks back for our pastor this year. He surely is a good preacher. I want everyone who reads this to pray for my two boys that the Lord will save them before it is too late. I praise the Lord because I am a member of the Church of God. Pray for me that I will stand true until Jesus comes or calls for me.—Your sister in Christ, Hattie Wilkin.

NOTICE

Be Sure to Read The MISSION ARTICLE In This Week's Issue

People Praying Thru To Victory

LARKINSVILLE, Ala.—I am glad for victory this morning that enables us to stand the trials of this day. I want to praise God for the way He is blessing His church at Winegar, Ala. We have a church with thirty-four members. We truly thank God for our pastor, Brother Wilkins. He is always ready to feed and help his flock and tries to keep them in unity and love. We have been having cottage prayer meetings. The altar is full most every night. The people are crying out to God. Some are praying thru to victory. There have been two saved, one sanctified and three received the Holy Ghost in the last week. We give God all the praise for it. Pray that this little band of saints will always be found at their post of duty for God and that God will give us a house to worship in.—Yours for Jesus and His cause, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cornelison.

Many Friends Won For The Waycross Church

After the Assembly we had a great determination to work for the great Church of God than ever before. Our first meeting was held at Waycross, Ga. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Large crowds came out to hear the Word, music and singing. Many who had fought holiness came out and acknowledged they knew this was the way. Many friends were won for the Waycross church. People who hadn't been to church in two years and longer came. The people of Waycross are interested. We trust many good seed were sown and Brother Mills, our pastor, will receive many souls this year filled with the Holy Ghost. During our meeting Brother F. A. Hubbell and wife visited the church. We enjoyed having them with us, also our State Overseer, Brother Culpepper. Four received the Holy Ghost. Our next meeting was at Alma, Ga. The Lord blessed. Seven received the Holy Ghost. We left Alma and went to Pineview, our home town to spend Christmas. We had a good Christmas meeting. We started the meeting again in Alma, Jan. 2. We hope to organize a church as there is no church there. We need your prayers that we will stay in the center of God's will and that many lost souls will find their way to the altar and receive the Holy Ghost. We enjoy the evangelistic work. We are giving time, talents and all we have to God. We want to do our very best.—Yours for lost souls, W. Cobb Dennard and Party, state evangelist for Georgia.

NOTES OF INTEREST FROM THE GENERAL OVERSEER

ORPHANAGE COUPON DRIVE

I notice that there is a lull in our people sending in Octagon Soap, Kirkman and Borden Milk coupons. We wish to do a lot of interior repairing on the buildings this year and we are depending on this soap coupon drive to get the money to do this with. We haven't but a little over half enough coupons up to this time to put this drive over the top. Please every one, put forth a special effort to collect coupons from the community in which you live and mail them to Headquarters. This is a good way to help the orphans. — S. W. Latimer, General Overseer.

GENERAL INDEBTEDNESS

Our general indebtedness funds are coming in rather slow. We wish to thank our people for the loyal way in which they have contributed to the liquidating of the debts in the last three or four years. There has been a large amount, between twenty-four and thirty thousand dollars, of our debts paid. This certainly is commendable and I am sure God is pleased with this. It is a fact that we did not saddle this debt on the Church but the courts have said that we should pay them and this makes it binding on the Church of God.

The "Penny a Meal Drive" will more than meet this need this year if all those who are able will do this. Those who have jobs and are working or are in business surely can pay one penny a meal to the cause until those debts are liquidated. Quite a few of our people have already paid in advance but if this is a success, thousands will have to engage in it. The ministers should have a special box, take the names of his congregation who are willing to contribute to this fund, en-

The Lord Blessed In The Christmas Services

I want to sound a note of praise to the dear Lord for the way He has blessed my wife and I since we have been at this place. He has wonderfully provided for us, both spiritually and financially for which we praise God. We still have old time shouting victory over sin and the devil. We love to trust God. I truly praise the good Lord for the good meeting which He gave us Christmas. I spoke on Missions Thursday night using for a text Matt. 2:11. The Lord surely did bless me. Oh! how wonderful it is to give the Lord something on His birthday. Glory to Jesus! Sister Sarah Dukes brought the message on Christmas morning. The message she gave out to us was very inspiring. Christmas night I brought forth the message again. Services continued on thru Saturday with exception of Saturday morning service. Two received the sweet Holy Ghost. One old gentleman around seventy years of age spoke in tongues. He said this was the best Christmas that he had ever spent. Praise God! Several testified of this being their first time in the Lord's service on His birthday. I want to say that we have privileges in the Church of God that we don't have elsewhere. Aren't you proud of it? I am. Glory to Jesus! We want to go with Jesus when He comes or calls.—Your brother in Christ, Lenon Easters, Rt. 2, Carrollton, Ga.

Good Work Reported At Logan, W. Va.

We are glad to report the good work here at Logan, W. Va. Our pastor, Brother Earl Paulk, just closed a five weeks' meeting. The interest was good from the start. There were thirty-five saved, twenty-five sanctified, twenty received the Holy Ghost, thirty-one added to the Church of God and twenty-four followed the Lord in water baptism. The house was filled most every night with those who came to hear the true gospel. Brother Paulk surely does preach the Bible. We are glad to have him back with us another year. It seems like the revival was at its best when it closed. The altar was filled with seekers. Folks attended this revival who never came to the Church of God before. The people were stirred for many miles around. Pray for the work here that we may lift the Lord up in a way that will draw all men unto Him.—Freeda Carter, Box 1623.

DEACONS

The Assembly ruled that all deacons holding license in the past should send them in to be exchanged for license of the present form adopted by the Assembly. Please mail your old license to the state overseer and he in turn will advise Headquarters as to whether they should be exchanged for deacon, evangelist, or bishop license.

EVANGELISTS

Some of our evangelists have not renewed their license up to this time. This is very necessary. If you do not renew during this year, your license will run out of date, in fact, this should be done during the first month in the new year. We hope that this will be attended to at once so it will not cause you future embarrassment.—S. W. Latimer, General Overseer.

Doubtless our people will be glad to know that the court decision concerning the name has been sent back in our favor and the chancellor's decision that the Tomlinson faction be called the "Tomlinson Church of God" is in full force and effect.—S. W. Latimer, General Overseer.

LOYALTY TO THE CHURCH

"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him"

Fannie Hedgecoth

What is a Church?

The Church is the only institution ever established by Jesus. Some one has said that it is a body of believers voluntarily associated together for the purpose of worship and the spread of the gospel. Only those who have been saved and have obeyed the Lord by following Him in all truth have any right in the Church. The reasons for having a Church are: To obey Christ, provide a special place for Christians to worship almighty God and to cooperate in the effort to carry the gospel to the ends of the earth. We need the fellowship with other Christians too. We are influenced by contact with consecrated characters to keep our lives on a higher plane. As for worship, that has been commanded since the earliest days. In the New Testament we read, "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together." In a word, the purpose of the Church is to carry out the great commission of Jesus just before He went back to His heavenly home.

Loyal to the Church in attendance. We do well to ask ourselves if we are

God is Blessing At Joplin, Mo.

Joplin, Mo. — I want to sound a note of praise to our blessed Lord for what He is doing for the Church of God at Joplin, Mo. Our pastor, Brother D. K. Murphy started a revival last Sunday and the Lord surely is blessing. He also organized a C. of G. Y. P. E. with sixteen members and more to come in. The Sunday School is increasing also. The attendance was double what it was last Sunday. We give the Lord all the praise. There have been several saved and many requested prayer for salvation. We are looking to the Lord to save, sanctify and fill with the Holy Ghost and add to the Church of God. The house is full every night. The Lord is wonderfully blessing Brother Murphy in giving out the Word. Every one who reads this pray that God will send in honest-hearted folks and give them the light on the Church. There are lots of good people in Joplin who don't know about the Church of God. Pray that God will send them in. I am glad that about eleven years ago I was added to it. By His grace I mean to go thru with Him. Pray for me. — Katie George, clerk, Joplin, Mo. Rt. 1, Box 165.

Carbon Hill Church of God Enjoying a Feast

Dear saints, I am glad to report victory this morning. We (the church here at Carbon Hill) have been enjoying a feast from the Lord. Some seemed to think that we were about snowed under but thank God for a few who will hold on to God. Brother S. C. Chambers came here a few weeks ago and started a meeting. When the firing started you could tell where it was hitting. But it was not long until people began to howl and you could see the wounded coming to the altar for treatment. They were healed of their wounds (sins) and that old chronic (the devil) moved out. About twenty-one were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Twenty-two were added to the church. The revival spirit is still falling. During this meeting we were glad to have our state and district overseers with us. We certainly do appreciate the valuable service rendered by Brother Chambers. What do you say Alabamians? Let's keep him on the field with our prayers and finance. Pray for us.—Your brother, M. D. Harwood, pastor, Carbon Hill, Ala.

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loyal to the Church in attending its services. Even though the aim of young people's service is "Training in Church Membership" and our theme song is "Loyalty," these things do not make us loyal. If we do not attend its worship service we say by our actions that our church is not worth while. We do not hear the message of guidance that God gives for our lives. We do not hear the warnings against the dangers and temptations along the way. And if we do not go we cannot consistently invite others to hear the Gospel story.

Loyal to my Church in financial support. An old colored preacher once said that the salvation was the free gift of God, just as free as water but, like water, it cost money to get it to your house. We will not need any time to show that it costs money to carry on the work of the kingdom. The Church can only look to its members to provide for its needs. From God's own Word we know that He demands at least one-tenth of what we have. In 1 Cor. 16:2 we have the New Testament plan of supporting the Kingdom given in one verse, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there may be no gatherings when I come." That verse tells us who, when and how much. Could any thing be clearer? Then why is it that we Christian people do not obey? The question for me, however, is, "Am I loyal to the church in giving, measured by the standard given by Paul?" It is said that we form our habits before we reach the age of eighteen. What we form the habit of doing while mere children we will probably do all through life in regard to tithing.

Loyal to the Church in my prayer life. Praying sometimes reveals our selfishness toward others. Too often our prayers are just for ourselves and a small circle of friends and loved ones. This is the greatest source of strength and power available. Should we then not pray for the Church? It is impossible to pray earnestly for some one and not feel kindly toward him. If you do not like your pastor's sermons, try praying for him. If your Sunday School officers and teachers or the deacons do not seem to you to be as wise and efficient as you would like them to be, pray for them. Because in praying for them you will not only find your attitude changing but you will be pushing the button that will turn on the divine current of power and strength. If you and I are loyal we will gladly take the Church with all its needs to our heavenly Father who can supply every need.

Loyal to the Church in serving. Soul-winning is the most important task the Church ever undertakes. Maybe some of us feel that the higher and better educated members should do all the work. Soul-winning is the task of each and every member. There is work enough and more for each one of us and we are each responsible to the Lord for our part of it. Perhaps the greatest hindrance that Satan puts in our way is to fill us with timidity and fear of ridicule. Instead let us put our faith in God and His promise to help us when we try. After all we are not responsible for the success or failure to win the lost when we try but we are commanded to be faithful servants and to try. We cannot disobey the most important command He has given us and count ourselves loyal.

Loyal to the Church in spirit. This is the important point of our topic. No service or outward demonstration is acceptable to Him who "looketh upon the heart" unless it is prompted by the right inward motive. Loyal in "spirit" is the "why" of our loyalty to the Church.

If we are loyal in spirit to the Church the other things which we have discussed together will take care of themselves. We will not have a bit of trouble about attendance, giving, praying and serving the Church. If we are loyal we will give "faithful devotion." There can be no real loyalty in the true sense of the word without love and devotion. Paul says, "Love never faileth." Jesus said, "If ye love me keep my commandments." In the light of these words, how do we rate? Are you and I truly loyal?

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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield, if nothing else, a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help to make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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Brother S. W. Latimer, left Tuesday, Jan. 19th, for Arizona and California. This is the first time that a General Overseer has visited in the far West. All please pray that the Lord may use him for His glory, and that his mission in the West may make many friends for the Church of God.

If you are sighing today for the joy which once you knew when first you found the Lord, it is because you have not been growing. Remember the apostle said, "GROW in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ," 2 Pet. 3:18.

I want God to do for me all He can do for any one in this life. I know that I shall be satisfied when I awake in His likeness, but I do not want to be satisfied here with anything less than the nearest likeness to Him that any man can bear. If there are deep things of God which can only be searched by His Spirit, then I want His Spirit to lead me into the knowledge of deepest truth; if there are mountain top experiences from which I can come, like His servant of old, with my face shining with the presence of God, I want to go up into that mountain; if down in the valley there are trials and affliction from which I may come up with my soul chastened, and be more meek and humble, more tender and sympathetic, and more like the Man of sorrows, I want to visit that valley; if there are conditions which if fulfilled will bring power from God that can give me more victory over the power of sin and keep my life pure and spotless, I want to fulfill the condition and receive that power; if there are paths that I can walk and sacrifices that I can make from which I can get an experience that will cause me to cease doubting, and will help me to, like Abraham, walk by faith and stagger not at God's promises, I want to walk those paths, and I desire to make such sacrifices.

Somewhere I read of an artist who was falsely accused and thrown into prison. His brushes and his paint were allowed him, but he had no canvas. One day he asked a man in the corridor for something upon which he might paint and the man indifferently picked up a dirty handkerchief and tossed it to him and said, "There, see what you can do with that." The artist first took it and washed it perfectly clean and then began to paint the face of Jesus. The picture that he painted afterward became one of the most famous paintings of the Master. He labored on it faithfully and when he had finished it he showed it to the man, who, when he looked upon its marvelous sweetness it touched his heart and the tears streamed down. And as I recall the story, the thought comes to me, if a poor artist could take an old soiled rag which had been cast under the feet of indifferent men, and could cleanse it, then paint the likeness of Christ so plainly and so sweetly on it and could cause it to glow with the loveliness of Jesus that a careless, indifferent man could be touched into tears as he looked upon it, what might not the glorious Christ do with your life and mine if we'd but allow Him to have His way with us and reproduce His likeness in us? When some one knocked at the door of the great reformer and enquired for Martin Luther, he answered and said, "Luther does not live here, Jesus Christ lives here." The thought was

NOTICES & REQUESTS

I am leaving Jan. 19 for Arizona and California and will be out of the office until possibly the middle of February. My mail will be cared for in the office in the usual way.—S. W. Latimer.

For want of correct address we are holding the Deacon papers of Meade L. Kell. Anyone knowing his address please write us and we will forward his papers to him at once.—General Overseer.

The District Convention for the Pitts District will convene at the Church of God Tabernacle at Pitts, Ga. Jan. 23 and 24. Brother J. W. Culpepper will be with us. D. V. Everybody is invited to attend.—Reuben H. Martin, District Overseer, Pitts, Ga.

The Eighth Annual Convention of the Church of God (colored work) is to convene in the city of Jacksonville, Fla. beginning April 18 and closing April 24, 1932 at Steel and Blue Sts., in the basement of the unfinished Auditorium which is to be under construction this month, January D. V.

We are expecting all pastors and local churches to start now to rally with your reports for the above occasion. This includes all workers of the various Auxiliaries. We expect all ministers who are holding license to bring not less than \$10.00 (this includes all pastors). Evangelists who are not pastoring are expected to bring \$5.00. Large churches \$25.00, small churches \$10.00 to \$15.00. Deacons \$5.00, Exhorters \$3.00, State Supt. of Sunday Schools \$3.00, C. of G. Y. P. E. \$4.00, State and District boosters \$3.00. Come on boys! Let's start now with our rally that we may put the program over. What do you think about it boys? Can we put it over? There is no such thing as "can't." Let's put our God in front and give Him a chance and we'll come out victorious.—J. H. Curry, Overseer Church of God colored work.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The subscription price of the Evangel is reduced from \$1.50 per year to \$1.25 per year. Instead of 75c for six months it will be 65c, or 35c for three months instead of 40c.—Editor and Publisher.

I notice in the November report for the Orphanage a mistake. It should have been \$3.32 sent in by the Epworth S. S. instead of Mrs. Henry Tyge. I am secretary and treasurer and that is why I happened to make the mistake. I am yours, Mrs. Henry Tyge, Epworth, N. Dak.

Any one wishing to write me might write my home address: 208 S. Rose Ave., Kannapolis, N. C. Pray that I will be ever in God's will.—T. C. Franklin.

My Post Office Box Number is 772 instead of 727.—E. C. Clark, Overseer of West Virginia, Clarksburg, W. Va.

WANTED: Some one who can make music to travel with my wife and myself in evangelistic work.—J. C. Cox, Hudson, Fla.

To those who would like to write me: I wish to say my address has been changed from 528 Annafel St. to 632 Cedar St., Rock Hill, S. C.—Geo. W. Cooper, Mission treasurer of state.

REQUESTS

I have a husband and five children who are out in sin but I know God can work when no man can hinder. All who read this pray that they may be saved before it is too late.—Your sister under the blood, Mrs. Bessie Snell, Marked Tree, Ark.

I am praising God for real salvation deep down in my heart. I have had the Holy Ghost for six months but I have been a cripple for eight years. I want every one who knows the worth of prayer to pray for the Lord to heal me.—Your sister in Christ, Miss Bertie Swafford.

I want the saints of God everywhere to pray that God will heal me of nervous spells and other ailments which causes shattered nerves. Pray that God will completely cleanse my system. I know that unless the great and divine power of God heals me I will not get relief. Any one who reads this and feels led by the Spirit to send me an anointed handkerchief that has been prayed over will be appreciated, or anyone who feels led to write me a letter of encouragement and to strengthen my faith I will gladly appreciate it. It will help me oh, so much. Pray that if it is not the Lord's

if they had business with Luther he had no time, but if they were there enquiring about Christ they were welcome. Paul said, "It is no more I but Christ that liveth."

The Evangel has some faithful friends and workers who never forget it. They get new subscribers and urge the old to renew. We are expecting one thousand new subscribers by March as this will be his birthday. I was wondering if every minister in the Church could not get as many as two subscriptions between now and that date. The price is now \$1.25 where only one subscription is sent in, but where there are as many as three or more the club rate of one dollar still holds good.

will to heal me that He will hasten His calling for me and take me to rest. I'm so hungry to see Jesus. Regardless less of the cost I do want to go thru. I want to serve God until death and die in the precious arms of faith. I love the Lord. I pray for me.—A sister in Christ, Miss Ada Bramlett, 117 Carrial St., Marietta, Ga.

I want all the saints to pray for my dear little baby that God will touch her body and heal her. She has been sick about three weeks.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Iva Hooven, Rt. 3, Box 70, Cleveland, Tenn.

Dear saints please pray for me. I am afflicted in my body. I need your prayers too for my spiritual condition.—Your sister, Idelitha Robbins, Sumlton, Ala.

Dear saints, I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost with a strong determination to go thru. I want to do something for God. I am just a young man and have lots of trials and temptations. I want all who read this to pray for me that I will ever be faithful and do the Lord's will at any cost.—Your brother in Jesus, Plavis Chandler, Trion, Ga.

Dear saints, I want you to pray for my nephew who has been gone from home over two years. Pray that God will touch his heart that he will write or come home. I have another nephew who is bedfast with T. B. He wants prayer for his healing. I want you to pray earnestly that God will convince my dear old mother the way that you must be baptized with the Holy Ghost. She is living a saved life but doesn't see the way of baptism. Glory to God. My mother has asthma. Please pray for her to be healed. Dear saints this is a bad place. They fight holiness. Pray God to send us a revival. Pray much for us.—A sister in the dear Lord, Mrs. May Chaffin, Weible, W. Va., Wayne Co.

Dear saints everywhere please pray for me that I will be healed of rheumatism in my shoulder and arm.—Mrs. A. Z. Trammell.

Dear saints, please pray a special prayer for W. M. Newman.—A sister, Mrs. W. M. Newman.

Mrs. Zola West of Erwin, N. C. request prayer for her and her husband.

Dear saints, I request special prayer for my body. I have been suffering with neuralgia in my head and teeth for nearly a week. I pray and lay the Evangel on my jaw and it gets better for a little while then it begins to hurt me again. I don't have any saints to pray for me. I haven't taken any medicine for several years and I don't want to for I know Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. My husband will try to make me take medicine if I don't get better so please ask God in Jesus' name if it be His will to heal me. Pray earnestly for me.—Your sister in Christ, Dora Green, Dudley, Mo.

BIG THINGS BARELY MENTIONED

Sister W. R. Shaw reports a great revival in progress at Sulphur Spgs., Fla. A complete report later.

A telegram from Brother G. P. Gower of Benton, Ill. reads, "A great revival now on. Brother J. L. Goins and son, Harrison, in charge. Began Jan. 10th. Fifty-seven saved, thirty-six added to the Church the first week. The end is not yet. Large auditorium is overflowing every night and hundreds turned away."

S. C. Chambers reports a successful meeting just closed at Bradford, Ala. 30 saved, 28 sanctified, 26 filled with the Holy Ghost, 22 added to the church, 17 baptized in water. He is now in Warrior, Ala. with good interest, asking the prayers of all the praying people.

L. V. Ellis reported that the greatest revival in the history of the Church of God at Ft. Worth, Tex. is now in progress with Brother Claude Asher in charge of the preaching. Twenty-six have received the Holy Ghost, with many anxious and hungry seekers. Complete report later.

Brother C. W. Wall was to start a revival at Whitesburg, Ky., Jan. 16th. He requests that all pray for the success of this revival.

Brother Joel Stamper is engaged in a revival at Cincinnati, Ohio, with a large attendance, good interest and the spiritual tide running high. Please pray that this will be the greatest revival ever held in Cincinnati.

A letter from Sisters Gladys Little and Mattie Claspell states that they are in Nashville, Ga. assisting the pastor, Brother Rolan Sanders, in a meeting. The enemy is fighting, but God is giving the victory. They have a new church and are looking forward to great things for the Lord.

Brother J. B. Ellis is assisting the pastor, Brother W. F. Harmon, in a revival at Miami, Fla. We expect to

God Is Blessing Us In Our Work

WILCOE, W. Va.—Friendly sinners and saints of God everywhere, no doubt you have been wondering what has become of the Rexrode Happy Band. We are glad to report that we are still on the run for heaven. We have conducted only one revival since the Assembly as we are doing pastoral work this year. We came from Petersburg, W. Va. to this place in the month of August. We went back there Dec. 19th, a distance of 575 miles, the way we went, of which I want to make a brief report.

Leaving Wilcoe Saturday morning, Dec. 19th, we landed at Salem, Va. at 10:15 where a delicious dinner was awaiting at Brother and Sister Earle's. They surely do make you feel at home. Regardless of what time you go there they are ready to get up and give you a warm reception. They stand for God and truth. After singing and playing some for them we started for Lynchburg, Va. where Brother Daniels is pastor. As usual we met Brother and Sister Moyer with the welcome smile, as well as many of the other good saints there. Brother Daniels made us feel at home. Many of the saints from Monroe were there. Among them was Brother Heaton, their pastor, a man we dearly love. We all began to sing the praises of God, and as usual, the power began to fall in a wonderful way. It seemed as if every one was in perfect love and unity. We next stopped at Monroe for morning services. After the much enjoyed Sunday School we began to sing and let God have His way and we had about the best testimony service I ever witnessed. The Holy Ghost took possession. Brother Heaton made us feel at home.

After services at Lynchburg Saturday night we went home with a dear old friend, Brother Moses Wright, just above Amherst, who stood by me while there in the service. My family and I have gone there in the midnight hours and Brother and Sister Wright would get up and give us their place to sleep. Now he is almost an invalid. He had a limb broken over one year ago and no tongue can tell how he has suffered. Saints, please pray that God will heal him.

On Sunday night of the 20th we had services at Rose Mill, Va. There we met old friends again and went home with Brother and Sister T. L. Parsons who surely love the Lord and God's people. From there we went to Deerfield, Va. arriving there just a short while before services. We unloaded at Brother and Sister Kellison's and began to prepare for service. We had a nice supper which was prepared by Sister Kellison and her two sons. They were nice to us. God blessed in the service and we found a few saints really holding on to God, I mean Church of God folks, who will not stand for or uphold anything but the real Church of God. I am praying that God will lay it on some one's heart to go there and stand against sin and the devil until the Son of God will be magnified and men and women will stand unmoved for God.

From there we went to Thornwood, W. Va. to the Methodist church. We met many good Methodist folks as well as others. I believe we were treated as good as any one could be. We stayed with my brother. My Father was there. I had not seen him since the death of mother about four years ago. Please pray that father will see the light and accept it.

Next we went to Elkins, W. Va. where Brother Little is pastor. He gave us a warm reception and made us feel at home. There is where I first saw the light and where I was really saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire. From there we headed north to Ben Bush, W. Va. to Brother and Sister Ole Snyder's whom we have always found to be faithful friends. They had the opera house ready for us and the services well advertised. There we met friends again. Just a short distance from there is where God so wonderfully blessed our labor last Fall in giving us a good work there. Several of the saints were there from Pierce and we are glad to know they are still on fire for God. After a good night's rest we awoke on Christmas Day finding it snowing, which does not excite the people in the north. Leaving there in the snow storm we started for Petersburg to Brother Mowry's. Within twelve miles of Petersburg we came face to face with Brother Mowry. We found that he was on the hunt for us thinking because we did not get there as early as he thought we should we might have had trouble. We surely do love Brother Mowry and family. They have proved to be faithful friends, not only to us but to many others, as well as to the Church of God. Everybody loves them. We had been there only about five minutes when from under a small Christmas tree the children began to pull presents for all of us. Being the first presents given to my children you should hear more from there later.

"Brother William Cable of Christian, W. Va. has been assisting the pastor, Brother Henry Swanson, in a revival at Hubbell. Fourteen have been saved, fifteen sanctified, four received the Holy Ghost, twenty-four have been added to the Church, and the end is not yet," reports Windell Kinder.

A card from J. L. Dorman states that an old time revival is on at Bradford, Fla. with many seekers. He asks all to please pray.

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A New Church of God In Alabama

We truly praise God to know there is one more Church of God in Alabama. It has taken much sacrifice and faithful efforts but God has blessed us with some workers who don't fear opposition and a great victory has been won. My husband, his daughter and I came here about a year ago and found only one in this town who had the Holy Ghost and in the Church of God. The powers of darkness and opposition have been very strong but God has blessed. We have set a church in order with thirteen members and others to come in later. Also some whose membership is at other places. The little band surely loves the Word and the Church of God and are trying

have seen them. May God bless them and keep them true and humble.

Petersburg was our destination. The good brethren and Baptist folks gave us a hearty welcome to their church which they always do when they know we are close.

We had decided not to start back before Sunday morning. We had no where announced for Saturday night so hearing of a meeting in a place called Smoke Holes we decided to pay them a visit, thinking they would enjoy our music and singing. What few people we met seemed to be real nice people. We started Sunday morning arriving at Amherst about four o'clock. We left there Wednesday morning and got home about nine thirty o'clock that night tired and worn out but finding both churches shouting the praises of God and going right on under the protection of Brother Cox of Wilcoe and Sister Jewell at Ennis.

At present Brother Ramsy, wife and workers are here to open fire on the devil. Every one please pray that God will wonderfully bless.—I am your brother in Christ Jesus, R. L. Rexrode.

SOME QUESTIONS

Answers to which will be found in book, "Timely Themes." What do we gain by studying the Bible? — Answer found on page 5. What is a good foundation upon which to begin the story of God's plan of redemption? — Page 9. How much of the Gospel has been devoted to one week of the life of Jesus? — Answer on page 15. Why do people's ways seem right to them? — Answer on page 23. For what does the writer of "Timely Themes" pray? — Answer found on page 27. Of what did the Apostle warn men to be aware? — Answer on page 32. In what chapter of the Bible does Jesus promise to pray for God to send another Comforter? — Answer on page 43. What did a certain sinner want done with his influence? — Answer on page 52. What is sorcery? A good definition found on page 60.

EDITOR'S NOTE: After reading the little book "Timely Themes" by T. S. Payne I gladly recommend it to all who may desire a clean, clear concise book full of just what the title expresses, "Timely Themes." Buy one for 25c or a dozen for \$2.50.

SOME MORE QUESTIONS

Answered in the book of "The Law and Sabbath Keepers on Trial" by E. L. Moore Under the law people were put to death for breaking the law, what would you do? Can a Christian live in a cold climate and keep the Law? If Christians are to keep the Sabbath why do they depart from the Word? If you believe in keeping the Jewish Sabbath, why do you not practice circumcision? Why did not Jesus require the young ruler to keep the Sabbath? These and other important questions on the Law and Sabbath answered in booklet of 22 pages, title, "Law and Sabbath Keepers on Trial." Price reduced to 10 cents per copy, \$1.00 per dozen.

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Church Growing In Utah

The Lord has gloriously visited us at Summit Point. Recently we closed a revival in which one lady was saved. A man and his wife who were members of the Assemblies of God in Texas moved out in Summit Point and tho' they tho't for awhile they would not change their identity, when they prayed over the matter the Lord made it plain to them that the Church of God was right and they were glad to affiliate with us.

We now have ten members, six of which are adults and one of them a good substantial man who is clerk and who will regularly report for the church there. We certainly hate to leave these people and hope that soon some one will be able to take our place and carry on the good work in the open field of the state of Utah. — E. L. Simmons.

Lord's Supper And Feet Washing Observed

We have just closed a revival at S. Lebanon, Ohio with success. We opened fire on the devil Nov. 28. The fight lasted three weeks, closing with victory. Only the judgment will reveal the good that was really done. The services were conducted by Orion L. Alewine and wife, assisted by the writer. There were about twelve saved, eight sanctified, one received the Holy Ghost, four baptized in water with more to follow later and one added to the church. Good interest was shown. Large crowds came out. We surely met some very fine people there. May God bless them for their hospitality toward us.

We observed the Lord's Supper and washed the saints' feet the last Sunday morning of the meeting. Surely the presence of God was in our midst in a great way during this service. We could feel that good melting down spirit which made us rejoice as our minds were carried back to the time when Jesus passed the bread and the cup to the disciples telling them it was His body and blood and how He then laid aside His garments, poured water into a basin and began to wash their feet, telling them that this was an example that we should follow. He said, "If ye know these things happy are ye if ye do them." I say it is not a wonder that we felt good because we knew those things and were doing them. Hallelujah! We had people with us from Cincinnati. We had Brother Russell Huff of Cincinnati, our district overseer, with us one night. He preached a good message which we all appreciated very much. T. C. Franklin, Box 159, Lancaster, Ohio.

God Is Still Blessing

I thank God to-night for full and free salvation. I want to praise God for our pastor at this place. Brother Dennard was our pastor last year but he wouldn't stay so we prayed God to send us another one and He sent us Brother Murry. He has been here two months and God was wonderfully blessed him with good messages to give out. Surely God is close by when Brother Murry gives out these thrilling messages. Last Sunday our Overseer was with us, God sure did bless. God was there because we felt His sweet presence. We all love Brother Murry and his wife. Sister Murry is a wonderful helper in the church. She can preach, sing, shout and play the piano. Brother Murry is a soul feeder. He feeds his sheep with all they can stand. It is just like carrying them out in the green pastures by the still waters. Bless His name! I thank God for keeping me saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I praise Him for His mighty healing power. He's so good and sweet. He healed me of bronchial trouble. I took neuralgia the other day in my neck and shoulders. Brothers Murry and Shaw prayed for me and I am healed. Thank God!

I have a dear son who is in sin and I want all the saints to please pray for him that he will be brought in this way before it is too late. I also have two sisters, one brother and other loved ones out in sin and I want you to pray for them too. Everybody pray for me. I need your prayers. — A sister in Christ, Nora Shepherd, 808 Altamaha St., Fitzgerald, Ga.

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SUNSHINE IN THE CLOUDS

(Continued from page one)
sented for him to leave home, and even if he had Joseph would not have liked to go down into that far, distant land of strangers by himself, therefore God stepped in and worked it out under his own plan. This He often does in our own lives. Every time we get under a cloud of sickness or trials of any kind it is not wise to be too quick to give the devil the credit, but rather wait and see, it might be God working out some unseen blessing for you and thereby enabling you to bestow a blessing upon others.

As Joseph served in Potiphar's house the hand of God was upon him, and soon he was made overseer of all his master's wealth, and the clouds seemed to have vanished to a great extent, but it came to pass that his master's wife cast an evil eye upon him, and there he went under a cloud of temptation, but in that he retained his integrity and remained true and clean before God. But when his master came in the cloud burst and down poured hot shots of persecutions, and he was cast into a dungeon of imprisonment. Was there sunshine in that cloud? Yes, but Joseph no doubt at first could not see it, all that he could see and think of was the cloud. Above the cloud was the sunshine of promotion. Joseph was satisfied in Potiphar's house, but he was becoming qualified for a greater position and work. Little did Joseph realize that through the dungeon was God's path to lead him to greater things, but it was here that he proved himself worthy of a greater work than to have charge of Potiphar's wealth.

From Potiphar's house through the dungeon experience he attained unto the next to the highest position in the Egyptian kingdom, and in this position he became enabled to bring a blessing to his father's house and to all Egypt and his name has gone down both in Bible and history as a hero for God.

There is but few that enjoy cloudy days but in them blessings are often found, and dungeon experiences are abhorred by all but they often lead to promotion and blessings as in Joseph's life. As Joseph was being lifted from the pit and carried into Egypt he had no more of an idea that he was on his way to promotion and position to where he could some day be a blessing unto his father's house and the whole world, than he had an idea that the days in Egypt would be dark and the nights light. But there was one thing that he kept constantly in view, and that was God. He was seeking no position of honor, but as he became qualified the position was hunting him.

Let each one of us learn a lesson from the life of Joseph, and never be a seeker of position in the church, but seek God and remain true during clouds and storms and when we have qualified ourselves the position will be seeking us.

The Lord Will Supply Our Needs

We do thank the dear Lord for His goodness and loving kindness to us and for opening a door here for us to be of some service to Him and for the way He has been blessing us. Our State Overseer, L. L. Vaught, came by here on his return trip from Brother Ernest R. Williams' funeral to preach for us two nights as he thought but the Lord blessed and he was with us two weeks. He seemed at his best and the Lord certainly did help him to give out the Word and uncover sins. On Sunday afternoon in a cottage prayer meeting the power of God came upon my husband and Bro. H. W. Litton who had been seeking the Holy Ghost for about ten years and they began to speak in tongues. Oh, it was wonderful! He played the piano under the power a long time. One little girl was saved and sanctified that night in the hall. There were twenty-two in the altar and eleven witnessed to being saved. During the meeting about fifteen professed to be saved, five were sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost, five were added to the Church of God and five were baptized in water. How we thank the Lord! The people gave liberally to Brother Vaught in money and food when we did not think they could do scarcely anything. Folks have been good to us and Brother and Sister Litton have faithfully stood by us. The enemy surely is stirred and is working against us. My husband has been down with rheumatism nearly two weeks and I am nearly down with a cold. Pray for the work here and that we may be healed.—Yours for the Lord, Mrs. H. L. Trim, Box 553, Coeburn, Va.

The Lord Blessing In Alabama

PIEDMONT, Ala. — About June 14 we decided to organize a Sunday School at the Johnson School house eleven miles west of Piedmont, Ala. We ordered free literature for the new Sunday School from the Church of God Publishing House. For three months we had to do the best we could. We did not have any one who would try to teach a class for us except one sister who took the card class. So all the others were put into one large class and we did our best to teach them what we could. We invited all the help we could get. We Alabama City and Piedmont. On the

Mission Department

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Zeno C. Sharp, Mission Secretary, 203 Parris Ave.,
Greenville, S. C.

OLUSTEE, Ja., B. W. I.—I praise the dear Lord this morning because I am saved, sanctified and filled with the precious Holy Ghost. I will try my very best not to allow my Redeemer to be ashamed of me. Jer. 9:23, 24 declares, "Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: But let him that gloryeth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord."

Dear saints of God, it is sweet to trust in Jesus and not be wise in our own conceit. I learn to understand the ways and will of my Father. This morning finds me out on the battlefield not caring for the old enemy and his hosts, but endeavoring to keep fit for the sake of others and not to tear up God's work. I can truly say that when a servant of God backslides it brings a dampness on the whole church, keeps sinners from getting saved and keeps God's work from progressing as it should. Dear ones, let us not grieve God. Let us live lives worthy to be rewarded that which is laid up for the humble, faithful and long-suffering. Please pray for me that I will be ready when Jesus comes or calls.—Yours in the faith, Marie Lobban.

MEXICO

Work when it is day because the night approaches. It is my heart's cry to labor for the Master with assurance

"STIR INTO FLAME"

(II Tim. 1:6, R. V. M.)

Stir me, Oh! stir me, Lord, I care not how,

But stir my heart in passion for the world;
Stir me to give, to go, BUT MOST TO PRAY.
Stir, till the Blood-red banner be unfurled
O'er lands that still in heathen darkness lie,
O'er deserts where no Cross is lighted high.

Stir me, Oh! stir me, Lord, till all my heart

Is filled with strong compassion for these souls,
Till thy compelling "must" drives me to pray,
Till thy constraining Love reach to the poles,
Far North, and South, in burning, deep desire,
Till East and West are caught in Love's great fire.

Stir me, Oh! stir me, Lord, till prayer is pain.

Till prayer is joy, till prayer turns into praise,
Stir me till heart and will and mind, yea, all
Is wholly Thine to use through all the days;
Stir, till I learn to pray "exceedingly,"
Stir, till I learn to wait expectantly.

Stir me, Oh! stir me, Lord! Thy heart was stirred

By love's intensest fire, till thou didst give
Thine only Son, Thy best-beloved One,
E'en to the dreadful Cross, that I might live;
Stir me to give myself so back to Thee,
That thou canst give Thyself again thro' me.

Stir me, Oh! stir me, Lord, for I can see

Thy glorious triumph day begin to break;
The dawn already guides the Eastern sky;
Oh! Church of Christ, arise, awake! awake!
Oh! stir us, Lord, as heralds of the day,
For night is past—our King is on His way!

—Bessie Porter Head.

In my soul that the coming of Jesus is at the door. To the ones who are looking forward to this glorious event is the plea given to take this good news of the gospel of peace to the ends of the world, then we know the dispensation of grace will be finished.

Following the leadings of the Holy Ghost I journeyed to Mexico ten months ago. My heart was delighted to see the signs follow, sinners were saved, believers healed and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Some of them came out of the Catholic church. They

first Sunday in September Brother George Danehower and his good wife came and started a revival for us which continued three weeks. Several were saved and sanctified, ten were filled with the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4, and five came into the church whose names were put on the church roll at Alabama City. The first Sunday in October we organized a Sunday school with seventy-three members and five classes for which we thank the dear Lord. Sister (Buckalew) Rich began another meeting. She did most of the preaching and for two weeks preached the Word with power and demonstration of the spirit. Thirty-eight were filled with the Holy Ghost and fire and a number were saved and sanctified. On Nov. 29 Brother G. C. Dunn, pastor at Alabama City, preached on the Church of God and a church was set in order with thirty-five members for which we thank the Lord. You who know the value of prayer remember us when you pray.

Our tabernacle is known as Herings' Tabernacle, Piedmont, Ala., Rt. 4. We are now having meeting Saturday night, Sunday afternoon and Sunday night, also Thursday night. Two have gotten the Holy Ghost since the meeting closed making a total of fifty receiving the Holy Ghost since the first Sunday in September. If you want to come over and help us out you will find a hearty invitation awaiting you. —Lovingly, thy brother in Christ, F. L. Early, clerk, Rt. 4.

are so happy now because the full gospel brought peace to their souls. They were not edified before, kneeling before images that have eyes and see not, ears but hear not and priests saying mass in Latin of which they understood nothing. They confessed there was a longing in their souls. But praise the Lord, when these empty vessels made a complete surrender and yielded to the Lord they received the satisfying portion.

The laws there require many things with regard to religious affairs. One compulsory law is that they build a church in order to hold services. For this it is necessary to have financial backing. I hear the call each day to carry on this good work and I am praying God to move upon some one's heart to open the way for me to go back, not under the conditions I went before but to go back to fulfill requirements of the law by God and man. After reading this message I pray that some one will come forth with a solution of the problem of carrying on this great work. May the Lord Jesus, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, watch over you and may I meet you one and all on that great day. —Your sister, M. W. Atkinson.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

For the encouragement of those who have the mission work at heart to the extent that they are willing to do what they can for this worthy cause, we are giving below extracts of letters which accompanied love offerings for foreign missions. The amounts of these Christmas offerings are given in the regular mission report that appeared in the

People See Light On The Church of God

CARRIER MILLS, Ill. — God is wonderfully blessing at Carrier Mills. We have just closed a four weeks' meeting which was a success. Our State Overseer, Brother H. N. Scoggins, was with us most of the time and did most of the preaching. He delivered some wonderful messages which were enjoyed by almost every one. Brother Scoggins was afflicted in his body but the saints prayed God to give him strength and how he did preach. The power fell and the saints greatly rejoiced. Oh how God did bless our souls at times. When God would be blessing us we could see sinners old and young in the congregation trembling and wiping the tears from their eyes. We did not have room enough to take care of the people. The building was crowded to its capacity every service and at times all the people could not get in. The people at this place were stirred about the plan of salvation and the Church of God more than ever before. There were fourteen saved, fifteen sanctified, nineteen received the Holy Ghost and seventeen added to the church. Out of this number that came in the church six of them were men. We have a good crowd of saints here and every one of them is on fire for God. We feel that the work here is moving nicely and growing. Our Sunday School has gone above the hundred mark. Pray for us in Carrier Mills. — W. R. Anderson, pastor.

The Lord Heard And Answered Our Prayers

Psa. 34:15, "The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry."

Praise our God for He will hear when we cry unto Him. For about four years we have been calling on the Lord for help. For a while we would ask most every preacher we saw to come over and help us. About two or three years ago Brother and Sister Simmons came and sowed some good seed. We kept on praying and seven weeks ago the Lord sent Brother Earl Hammon here with a tent. Twenty-four received the Holy Ghost. About seven have been saved, six sanctified, twenty have been baptized in water and our district pastor set a church in order with thirty-one new members. Eleven of them were transfers. We organized a Sunday School with forty-nine members. We praise the Lord much for this.—Pray much for us.—Sallie Jones, clerk, Crystal River, Fla.

sign missions." — Church, Johnston City, Ill.

"Dear Folks: Just a little dues I owe the Lord. Use it for the glory of God."—(Christmas gift for Missions)—Sister Mitchell.

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"Dear Brother Secretary: Inclosed find \$5.00 for Brother Dorsett and \$5.00 for Brother Childers. This is a Christmas offering from the Church at Aiken, S. C."

For want of space we will not be able to give extracts from all of the letters which accompanied the special Christmas offerings, but as indicated above the amounts sent in appear in the regular mission report.—General Secretary.

Church of God at East Alton, Ill. Has Victory

EAST ALTON, Ill. — I am glad this morning to report victory in my soul and victory for the Church of God in East Alton. There are some true blues here. The good Lord is wonderfully blessing us. Most every service we have some in the altar. On Christmas night a sister received the Holy Ghost. There were eight in the altar. The enemy is raging while the power falls. Sunday night, Dec. 20 a sister who had just recently received the baptism of the Holy Ghost during praise service danced to the stove, opened the door and stirring up the live coals of fire brought them out in her bare hands rubbing them together in the sight of about one hundred people. While the saints danced, shouted and talked in tongues strong sinners men sat with tears running down their cheeks. Heb. 11:34 tells us men of old quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens." Well glory, if we are faithful we shall escape the edge of the sword too. We too shall be made strong. We will be as terrible as an army with banners putting to flight the armies of the aliens. We are sending forth the call. Who is on the Lord's side? let him come.

The little flock here has been discouraged and scattered as sheep having no shepherd. The wolves of Acts 20:29 had entered in and brought suffering and had scattered the flock, but thank God the sheep are coming back to the fold and others with them. We are praying for a larger building to worship in. Please pray for us here in E. Alton. We need your prayers.

There have been some wonderful healings since we came here. One woman who they said was dying began to mend from the hour of prayer. A man who was sent to the hospital to be operated on for appendicitis was healed. The prayer of faith stayed the physician's hand and the man returned home well. Well hallelujah! We, the Church of God at East Alton, Ill. ask the prayers of all Evangel readers that we may go forward in His strength. — Forest S. Ash, pastor, 198½ Goulding Ave.

The Lord Blessed in The Revival at Warrior, Ala.

WARRIOR, Ala.—As I sit here this morning I feel like sounding a note of praise to our dear Lord for the way He has been blessing in Warrior, Ala. We went there and began a battle against the enemy. The way seemed dark at first but we just looked up and called on God. After the first two weeks conviction seized their hearts. We also thank God for Sister Bethany who was so faithful to help in the preaching and work. About eleven were saved, nine sanctified and fifteen received the Holy Ghost. People came for thirty miles and got the blessing. We didn't have a church to run a meeting in but we had a good garage. I want to thank God for the business men of Warrior who stood by us in a wonderful way. We give God the praise for the good singing. Brother Dodd from Kimberly and his singers were at their best and they sang a song unto the Lord. We made many friends while there so eternity alone will tell the good that was done. The meeting closed with good interest. Brother Carl Edward Richard was in charge of the meeting. Everybody pray much for us as we are out for lost souls.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. C. E. Richard.

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Hurrah For The Y. P. E.

SHELburn, Ind. — We want to say the Y. P. E. is moving along nicely. During the holidays we put on four programs. Thanksgiving we had a nice program and bro't in on the last part of it the pantomime the young people had on the last of their program at the Assembly. The public surely were enthused over the pantomime and said it was the best thing they ever had seen. Some of the people were crying and some were shouting and praising the Lord. The house was filled to its capacity. There was so much talk of the program that some of the people who were not present wanted us to have it again, especially the pantomime, so we had the pantomime over with our Christmas program.

Sister Ruth Welch said she felt the Lord lay it upon her heart to go to the poor farm and give a program for those old folks and give them a little surprise treat. Sister Ruth has a large Sunday school class of girls so she trained them for a nice program and asked us to go along and give the same pantomime on the last. We all went down there Christmas Eve, about 7:30 P. M. and put forth an effort to please those old people with our program. It was a pitiful sight to see those old folks. Some were blind and some were deaf and dumb, but their hearts were made glad with the program and the treat.

We announced our Christmas program at the Church for Christmas night at Shelburn and the lady who looks after the poor house came from Sullivan (six miles) to Shelburn to see it, especially the pantomime again. We had a larger crowd than ever this time. We had shouting, singing and praising the Lord along with the program. Evidently God was pleased with our efforts as He witnessed His approval.

The Church of God at Coalmont, Ind., about twelve miles from Shelburn invited us to come over and give the program, including the same pantomime, on New Year's eve, we got our lesson on Faithfulness and gave it out as we do in our regular young people's service. The people of that church said the scriptures used and the talks were uplifting. We brought the pantomime in connection on the last. The house was filled and all seemed to enjoy it. All who read this please pray for us that we will be steadfast and unmovable and that our Endeavor will become a great work for the Lord. — Eva Lynch, correspondence Sec'y., Lucille Standifer, chairman of Social Committee for Y. P. E. in Shelburn, Ind.

God's Power Manifested

I am praising God this evening for full and free salvation. I praise Him for the sweet Holy Ghost. Glory to God! Brother Murry ran a revival at Broxton, Ga. about five weeks ago and God did bless. Two souls were filled with the Holy Ghost. One old man seventy-one years of age got the Holy Ghost. One lady who was a backslider went to the altar. She went to it in the right way and in just a little while she was talking in tongues. The power raised her up and she went to dancing. Glory to God! How God did give out the Word thru Brother Murry. The news went out

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Deaths

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." — Rev. 14:13.

TURNER

On Nov. 19, 1931 the death angel visited the home of Reuben R. Turner, Maud, Okla., and claimed him for its victim. He was fifty-three years, seven months and twenty-four days of age. He had been blind over eight years and suffered with dropsy two years. He accepted Jesus as his own a while before he died. He leaves to mourn his death his wife who is a member of the Church of God, four sons, four daughters and a host of other relatives and friends. The funeral was preached by Brother James A. Hall at the Church of God. His body was laid to rest in the Cummings Cemetery at Maud. — One who loved him dearly, his daughter, Mrs. Lucy Miller, Clifty, Ark.

CARDER

Dorothy Carder, wife of Ezra T. Carder, went to be with Jesus Jan. 4, 1932, after an illness of three weeks. She was eighteen years old. She left to mourn her departure her husband, father, mother, seven brothers, three sisters and a host of friends. She had the Holy Ghost and was a member of the Church of God. We are waiting for the coming of the Lord when we shall be changed to His likeness and go to live with Him throughout the endless ages of eternity. — One who loved her dearly, Geneva Tichenor, Brady, W. Va.

STATEN

Little Haskell Staten, son of Brother D. Staten of Cincinnati, Ohio, was born Aug. 30, 1925 and died Oct. 10, 1931. He was a bud on earth to bloom in heaven. His cousin, Mrs. Jane Curry Prichard, Mallory, W. Va.

GROSSI

Emma Grossi was born Feb. 1, 1914 and died Nov. 20, 1931. She is survived by her mother, one brother and a grandfather. Her testimony was that she was ready to go. — Written by a friend, Mrs. M. E. Parks, Eckman, W. Va.

PARKS

Sarah Francis Parks was born Jan. 12, 1912 and departed this life Sept. 17, 1931, making her stay on earth a little over nineteen years. She was sick only a few days and her death was a shock to her loved ones and friends. The funeral services were conducted by Sister Annie Jewell in the Church of God at Eckman, W. Va. and her body laid to rest in the Pageton Cemetery to await the resurrection. — Written by a friend, Mrs. M. E. Parks.

CROMPTON

The death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister Crompton and called their darling babe from their home. Myrtes Delleene Crompton was born Oct. 18, 1931 and died January 5, 1932. She leaves to mourn her death her father, mother, two brothers, three sisters and a host of relatives and friends. We want to live humble and meet her round the white throne some

so fast and the next night the house was full. Methodist and Baptist preachers and their families were there and God did bless that night. How we do thank God for His mighty power. All pray for the Church in Broxton and for its pastor, Brother Buckner. He is a wonderful man of God. Pray for the writer that I may be a blessing to some soul and do His will in every way. — A sister wanting more of God, Nora Shepherd.

Notes From Bible Training School

J. H. WALKER, Supt.
CLEVELAND TENNESSEE

We Should All Be Workers For The B. T. S.

— B. T. S. —
Dear brothers and sisters in the Church, I am very glad to be in Cleveland, Tenn. in this term of Bible School. I am here with a good crowd of men and women, boys and girls. They are most every one a child of the Lord and because of that the Lord surely does come down with us and shows us His power. Glory to His wonderful name. There is no one like the Lord. There is quite a number of the boys and girls who need the Lord to help them in a financial way and I believe if the dear people in the Church of God everywhere would put their shoulder to the wheel and push that we by the Lord's help could put some worthy boy or girl thru this school. If you have something in their line to help one of the students thru this school just write Brother J. H. Walker and tell him about it and I am sure the Lord will give you back a hundred fold. To those who are wanting to come to this Bible School, you just get down on your knees and ask the Lord to open a way and you do all that you can to make a way for yourself and I am sure if you want to get here had enough you will be here next year. We have plenty to eat, a fine place to sleep and something to keep warm by and you will just be so glad when you get here. Pray for us (the whole school) and we will pray for you. Don't think if you come here that you will go back home without any power of God. My, you will have just all you can hold if you want it. — Otto Vienna, Los Angeles, Calif.

Every One Enjoying the Presence of the Lord

— B. T. S. —
I am glad for salvation and for the privilege of being in Bible School. There is nothing that suits me better than to be in training for the Lord. It does me good to see so many young boys and girls who are preparing for the ministry. Some, however, are preparing to give the gospel in song.

A Good Work Started at Cape Girardeau, Mo.

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo.—On Sept. 30, 1931 we came here, rented a building and started a meeting. Folks came out and were very much interested. There wasn't a Church of God here but about every other kind of doctrine. As the Word came forth people realized it was the Bible that was being preached so they wanted a real church, one with a Bible foundation and one that would stand. God kept on blessing and on Nov. 9, 1931 we set a church in order with fourteen members with quite a few looking this way. We kept praying while the devil started opposition on every side. Up until this time there were not very many young people but they started to come and some got saved and on Dec. 13 we organized a Y. P. E. with fifteen members. Thank the Lord!

This work here needs a good pastor. It is able to support a man and wife well. They want one who will visit and pray for the sick and one who will stand by the Bible and do the right thing. Anyone interested write to A. R. Martin, Gen. Del., Cape Girardeau, Mo.—Your brother and sister in Christ, Eva Martin.

Power of God Manifested at Smithtown, Ky.

SMITHTOWN, Ky.—We just closed a two weeks' revival here. We had a large attendance but the devil was on his job. He tried to disturb but the Bible says to resist Satan and he will flee from you. During the meeting two got saved and two received the Holy

sweet day. — Written by Martha Pearson, Double Springs, Ala.

MOORE

On Dec. 28, 1931 the death angel quietly slipped into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burton and claimed her dear old mother, Aunt Carolyn Moore, for its victim. She was a member of the Church of God at Sale Creek, Tenn. She was eighty-five years old. She leaves to mourn her departure, three sons, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends. The funeral service was conducted by Mrs. Nancy Gentry assisted by M. W. Ricketts of Soddy and she was laid to rest in the Welch Cemetery to await the resurrection morn. — A friend, Mrs. Mattie Gothard.

MATHIS

On Dec. 28, 1931 the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Mathis and claimed for its victim Ollie Otto Mathis. He was twenty-two years, one month and twenty-five days old. He leaves to mourn his death his father, mother, five sisters, four brothers and a host of relatives and friends. He was laid to rest in the Church of God Cemetery at Crumby's Chapel with Brothers W. H. Preston and M. M. Kennedy conducting the funeral services. — Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Mathis and children.

others training for leaders in religious work, but it is all for the advancement of God's cause. We have some good meetings in our school-room sometimes. I have never gone to a school before that had as good fellowship as this one. Every one seems to be enjoying the presence of the Lord. They go round with a smile on their face which denotes happiness and that is one of the promises. Oh! why shouldn't we be happy?

I have been going every week-end to the churches in nearby towns. I haven't stayed in Cleveland one Sunday since I have been going to school but I have been out trying to cheer some one up along the way. My desire is to make others happy and to show them the reality in serving a great God, one who is able to do all things. I ask an interest in your prayers that I might do my best for the Lord. — James McCoy, Arley, Ala., Rt. 1.

I Am On My Run For Glory

— B. T. S. —
Dear saints, I am praising and thanking God tonight for this privilege I have of attending the B. T. S. I want to say just now that it is a wonderful place to be. Praise the Lord. If there is any one who wants to learn about the Word of God you should attend the Bible School. The power of God comes down in such a way that He reveals it to you so that you can understand it. Thank the Lord! I praise the Lord for saving my soul about fifteen months ago from a devil's hell. I was wandering deeper out in sin every day but thank God He saw the need I had of salvation and He took me out of sin and set my feet on a solid rock. He also baptized me with the Holy Ghost and fire with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, Acts 2:4. I am on the run for glory and I want every minute of my life to be for the glory of God. I want every one who reads this to please pray for me that I will be found faithful whenever the Lord comes. — Your brother in Christ, Fraser Rogers, Linden, Fla.

Ghost. The power of God was manifested. Fire was handled, interpretations were given and there was shouting and dancing for which we give God all the praise. We have a house to worship in. Four of us brethren built the house. We just owe three hundred dollars on it and it belongs to the great Church of God. We have the devil to fight. There is another holiness church here in sight. They held a revival the same time we did to try to draw the crowd but they could not do it. Where the spirit is there is liberty. Brother Leslie Fore held the revival and did some good preaching. He surely preaches the Word of God right. I divided. Brother Starling Smith was with us Saturday and Sunday nights. He surely gave us some good soul stirring messages. This church was organized last December with 14 members and it has 23 members now. Please pray for us and pray for me that I might get sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. — Your brother in Christ, Jesse Watters, Worley, Ky.

Many Souls Rejoicing In The Lord

BYRD'S CHAPEL, Miss.—I thank and praise my blessed Savior this morning for salvation over sin. I praise God because I am saved right now, sanctified thru the blood and have the good Holy Ghost, thank God. We have just closed a three weeks' revival in which many souls rejoiced in the Lord. Brother Earl Brewer was in charge. He surely did preach the Word of God. Fifteen received the Holy Ghost and nine came in the church. Many were under conviction but would not yield to the Lord. I thank God for our pastor, Brother O. L. McManus. He stands foursquare for the Word of God, not compromising on anything. I praise God for what we know, bless His dear name. I love the Lord with all my heart. He is sweet to me. I mean by the help and grace of God to go thru with the Lord. I know without His help and grace we are nothing in this world. Everybody who reads this pray for my husband to receive the Holy Ghost and that we may raise our two little girls for God. It really means much to raise children in the last days but I know the power is in the hands of God. Every one pray for me to stand true until Jesus comes or calls for me. — One who loves the Lord, Mrs. T. F. Hester, Meadville, Miss., Rt. 3.

People Are Still Hungry For The Lord

I am glad to report victory in my soul. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Praise the Lord. I have been saved about forty-five years. I received the Holy Ghost six years ago and was added to the great Church of God. Three years ago I started a prayer service in a place called Buck Nobs. This was a bad place for moonshine liquor. One had been following this business for thirteen years. But they quit drinking

Saints at Middletown, O. On Fire For God

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio — I am praising God to-day for the great revival He has given us. We believe we can say without fear of contradiction that it is the best revival we have had in years and perhaps in many ways the best we have ever had. Brother T. C. Messer of Pittsburgh, Pa. conducted the revival. It ran five weeks beginning the night after our state convention closed here. Brother Messer is a young man who has given his life to God and puts his whole soul, mind and strength into the work. He spends much time in fasting and prayer and God blesses his efforts in a wonderful way. We truly praise God for sending him to us for this revival and hope to have him with us for another one some time. Every message was given by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost and souls were stirred as they were made to see the terrible destruction that awaits the wicked. Souls fell in the altar and cried out to God until He heard and answered their prayers. Many times in the middle of the message God would speak to us thru the spirit and sometimes there was no preaching at all but an exhortation would be given by the Holy Ghost and an altar call given. The presence of God was felt in a great measure in these services. I believe all the saints are stronger in the Spirit and have more love and unity than when the revival began. They seem more determined to press forward and point souls to Christ for they realize the second coming of Christ is very near and what is done must be done quickly. I feel sure that there was more fasting and praying done during this meeting than any in the past and God was pleased with it. Many attended these services who never were in a Holy Ghost meeting before. Some looked on in amazement as the fire would fall and God's children would shout praises to His precious name. Many saw the light and are walking in it. Fifty were saved, forty-three sanctified, twenty-one baptized with the Holy Ghost, forty-three added to the church and twenty-nine followed the Lord in water baptism. Our pastor, Brother J. D. Wilson, is continuing the meeting this week and last night the altar was full and several new ones made the start to serve the Lord.

We praise God for our Y. P. E. Every one enjoys our young people's services for God wonderfully blesses in them. I believe in the past year our number in the Y. P. E. has doubled and the best thing about it is they are nearly all on fire for God. Everyone who reads this pray that we will grow in number and in the grace of God and that the revival spirit will continue to boom that many more souls may be saved. — One who loves the Lord, Miss Clara Lewis, 320 N. Leibel St.

this deadly stuff and are drinking from the fountain that never runs dry. Twenty were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Ten came into the church. I still go there once in awhile. They are still hungry for the Lord. Two out of this number have been called to the ministry. Thank the Lord. Please pray that they will stay in the center of God's will. Pray for wife and me that God will hold us up by His mighty power. — Yours for the Master's service, Robert Hammond, Tacoma, Va.

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Many more Looking This Way

COTTAGEVILLE, W. Va. — On Oct. 21, 1931 I began a meeting at Belpre, Ohio which has been going on almost continuously ever since. The devil surely was stirred and gave us a battle but God gave us the victory. I believe many more will come soon. The Methodist have come in and the Seventh Day Adventist are looking this way with much interest. Brother and Sister Kellogg helped about three weeks and my! how the Lord did bless our efforts. Altogether about thirty-one received the Holy Ghost, several saved and several sanctified, also a number received healing for their bodies. Altho, I am not a licensed minister as yet, I am a member of the Church of God and I am Church of God thru and thru. Brother T. F. Blackwell of Marietta set the church in order Nov. 14, 1931. We all love our district pastor, Brother T. F. Blackwell and we know he is a real man of God and is standing for His Church.

I am in a revival at Cottageville, W. Va. now. Pray that God will bless our efforts here and give us precious souls for our labor. I was appointed pastor at Belpre. I don't know just how long God will let me work at this place but I want to stay until He says enough. My work is more evangelistic. Pray for us that God will continue to bless. — F. L. McGee, 315-11th St., Parkersburg, W. Va.

God Blessed in Many Wonderful Ways

DRAPER, N. C. — I am thanking the blessed Lord for His wonderful presence in the revival that has just closed at Draper, N. C. We prayed and God blessed in many wonderful ways as Brother R. C. Cook gave out the inspiring messages from time to time. There were six saved, three sanctified and one received the precious Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. There were lots of good seed sown in the hearts that will bring forth fruit in the future. Others were left seeking the wonderful blessings that God has in store. Seven came in to the church. Many hearts were made glad and our souls were lifted up many times above the shadows when Brother Cook sang and played special songs on his guitar. The departure of Brother Cook has left us very lonely but each seems to have a greater zeal and determination to press forward to the mark of the higher calling.

We thank and praise the good Lord for Brother D. R. Robinson who is our pastor. We feel that he has been the cause of many souls being saved. I am thanking the Lord for a salvation that is as real as heaven itself. I praise the Lord for being so good to me, for stooping and lifting me, for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the precious Holy Ghost and fire. Bless the Lord. I mean to make heaven my home. Pray for me to stay in God's will at all times and be found doing only what would please Him when He comes or calls. — Your sister under the blood, Minnie Wilson.

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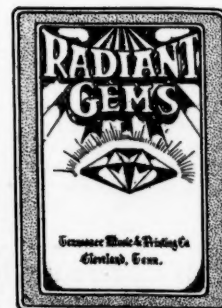
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